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SUBJECT: DRUG EFFICACY SURVEY

REF: (A) STATE 14421, (B) TOKYO A-746

1. ON NOVEMBER 20, 1974, CENTRAL PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, AN ADVISORY BODY FOR MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, REPORTED TO THE MINISTER ON RESULTS OF ITS EVALUATION OF 117 ANESTHETICS WITH 18 INGREDIENTS AND 94 ANTIDEPRESSANTS WITH 9 INGREDIENTS. THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN RE-EVALUATING VARIOUS DRUGS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE AS EFFICACIOUS AS CLAIMED BY MANUFACTURERS.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, ALL OF THE 117 ANESTHETICS SURVEYED HAVE BEEN FOUND EFFICACIOUS BUT TWO ANTIDEPRESSANTS WITH TWO INGREDIENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND INEFFICACIOUS. ONE ANTIDEPRESSANT WITH ONE INGREDIENT HAS BEEN JUDGED ONLY PARTIALLY EFFICACIOUS.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AT ONCE ORDERED THE MANUFACTURERS CONCERNED TO RECALL THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION FROM MARKET OR TO CORRECT LABEL STATEMENTS.

4. DRUGS WHICH HAVE BEEN JUDGED INEFFICACIOUS AND SUBJECTED TO SUCH ACTIONS AS SUSPENSION OF PRODUCTION AND SALE OR RECALL FROM MARKET ARE QUOTE ENERZA TABLET UNQUOTE (INGREDIENT: ISOCARBOXASIDE), ORAL ANTIDEPRESSANT, MANUFACTURED BY PFIZER TAITO CO., LTD. THE ANTIDEPRESSANT WHICH HAS BEEN FOUND UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY PARTIALLY EFFICACIOUS IS QUOTE INDOSINE UNQUOTE

(INGREDIENT: OPIRAMOL HYDROCHLORIDE) MANUFACTURED BY FUJISAWA
PHARMACEUTICAL CO. LTD. IN OSAKA.

5. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF COUNCIL REPORT WRITTEN IN
JAPANESE AND IS READY TO POUCH IT IF DESIRED.
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